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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please delete specification page 13 as presented in the published PCT application WO 00/56381, which serves as the present U.S. application as filed, and insert the attached page 13.

In the claims:

Please delete original claim pages 16-23 as presented in the published PCT application WO 00/56381, which include claims 1-47, and insert the attached pages 16-23, which also include a set of claims 1-47.

Additionally, please add the following new claims 48-52:

48. (New) A hypodermic injection system comprising:
- a housing for housing at least one injectate container for an injectate to be injected from the system into a body;
 - a container-holding member for holding the respective injectate containers in position during the injection process for proper injection into the body;
 - latching and release apparatus for releasably latching said holding member to said housing during the injection process, and for releasing said holding member and the containers held by said holding member from said housing without any physical contact by the user, for non-contaminating disposal after the injection process;